

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 HONG K 11890 301056Z
ACTION EA-12

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 SOE-02 AID-05 CEA-01 CIAE-00
COME-00 DODE-00 EB-08 DOE-15 H-01 INR-10 INT-05
L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05 OMB-01 PM-05 ICA-11 OES-09
SP-02 SS-15 STR-07 TRSE-00 ACDA-12 PA-01 /131 W
-----016862 310528Z /10

R 300846Z AUG 78
FM AMCONSUL HONG KONG
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2957
INFO USLO PEKING

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE HONG KONG 11890

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: ENRG, CH, HK
SUBJECT: CHINA PURCHASES HONG KONG ELECTRIC GENERATING PLANT

1. ENGLISH-LANGUAGE HONG KONG STANDARD AUGUST 26 REPORTED THAT CHINA PURCHASED THE ELECTRIC POWER GENERATING EQUIPMENT FROM THE HONG KONG ELECTRIC COMPANY'S NORTH POINT PLANT, WHICH HAS BEEN OUT OF OPERATION SINCE 1973. ON AUGUST 5, MORE THAN TWO HUNDRED TECHNICANS REPORTEDLY ARRIVED FROM CHINA BY BOAT TO DISMANTLE THE PLANT, TO BE REASSEMBLED IN CHINA, PROBABLY IN KWANGTUNG PROVINCE. OFFICIALS AT HONG KONG ELECTRIC VALUED THE SALE AT LESS THAN US\$2 MILLION. THE SALE INCLUDES FIVE 30 MEGAWATT GENERATORS, WHICH WERE DESCRIBED AS "OLD, BUT WORKING."

2. COMMENT: THE SALE IS VIEWED IN HONG KONG AS GREATLY BENEFITTING HONG KONG ELECTRIC, SINCE IT FREES THE NORTH POINT SITE FOR PROFITABLE REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT. AT THE SAME TIME, IT IS ALSO BENEFICIAL TO THE CHINESE. ALTHOUGH THE MACHINES ARE OLD, THEY ARE STILL USABLE AND CAN PROBABLY BE IN PLACE AND OPERATING WITHIN SIX MONTHS, THEREBY ALLEVIATING CHRONIC ELECTRIC POWER SHORTAGES WHICH HAVE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 HONG K 11890 301056Z

OFTEN HINDERED CHINA'S INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION. END COMMENT
SHOESMITH

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 jan 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: PROCUREMENT, ELECTRIC POWER PLANTS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 30 aug 1978
Decaption Date: 01 jan 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 20 Mar 2014
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1978HONGK11890
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D780355-0562
Format: TEL
From: HONG KONG
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1978/newtext/t1978089/aaaaahmd.tel
Line Count: 57
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: bd519a67-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION EA
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 27 apr 2005
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 1813848
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: CHINA PURCHASES HONG KONG ELECTRIC GENERATING PLANT
TAGS: ENRG, CH, HK
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odbs://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/bd519a67-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Sheryl P. Walter
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
20 Mar 2014
Markings: Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014